

# Commonwealth Partnership

Current Membership includes  
professionals from the following  
disciplines:

**Mental Health**

**Substance Abuse**

**Prevention**

**Maternal and Child Health**

**Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention**

**Domestic Violence**

**Housing**

**Social Services**

**Criminal Justice**

**Early Intervention**

**Family Resources and Referral  
Agencies**

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The Commonwealth  
Partnership for Women  
and Children Affected by  
Substance Use

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The Commonwealth Partnership is a collaboration of service providers and community members from across the state. We are committed to developing new services and improving existing services for women and children whose lives have been affected by substance use and addiction. Partnership members come from various agencies, disciplines, and backgrounds with a common mission.

## OUR MISSION

To support the development and improvement of substance abuse prevention and treatment services for women and children.

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership is free and open to anyone who is committed to supporting the Partnership's Mission. Active membership is defined as attending one quarterly meeting per year with participation on a sub-committee.

## HISTORY

The partnership was created in 1996 and serves in an advisory capacity to the

Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services.

## PURPOSE

The Partnership seeks to:

- Identify needed resources and services
- Identify barriers to treatment
- Participate in community planning and policy development
- Encourage interagency collaborations

## VALUES

The Partnership and its activities are motivated by the values we choose to share:

- Recognition of and respect for individual differences
- Respect for the reciprocal dependence between communities and the families living in them
- Empowerment of women and children

## WANT TO LEARN MORE?

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